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THAT we will shortly know that lengthened breath Is not the sweetest gift God gives His friend, And that sometimes this sable pall

of death Conceals the fairest boon his love can send. But not to-day. Then be content

sad heart. God's plans, like lifies, pure am white, unfold; We must not tear the clo estant

leaves apart; Time will reveal the caly es gold.

And if, through patient toil, we

reach the land Where tired feet, with sandals loosed, may rest, When we shall clearly know and

understand.

The Washington Post says that a Virginia negro choked himself to death on his Christmas dinner of some goods of S. J. Boggs and desays that he has baptized 625 converts since August 3d. Dawson says his prisoner told him that he THE Washington Post says that

WM. H. SAWYERS, editor of the Hinton Independent-Herald, is Levels, where it was discovered that a man of his description had quantity of whiskey for a minister. ambition is to be able to see "sermons in stones and books in running brooks." While for him the best that he will ever be able to do will be "to see sermons in books and stones in running brooks."

The law of the redemption of rode off in the direction of Marland sold for taxes is very similar linton, and when he arrived here berless arrests, and his very apto that set forth in the book of Le-viticus: "If thy brother grow poor tell it, at meeting some high rollers heart of a criminal. He is tall and and sell some of his possessions in a rather bad state of preserva-slim, with a steel-gray eye, a tion from celebrating the season, hatchet-face, and the kind of man * * * a dwelling house in a walled city, he shall have the right of redemption for a whole year aftshall retain the right of redemp- havior at the time, but thought no thirty, is fifty-two years of age tion. And if it be not redeemed more about it. Ratliff went to He served in the Union army in within the space of a year, the house that is in the walled city tion. Monday night he stopped note, on the Republican side of shall be assured in perpetuity to near Alvon. Tuesday he stopped the house; and the Blue Spring him and his at alvon and had the horse shod. district of Greenbrier, which turnhim who bought it, to him and his descendants."

THERE are numerous applicants for the office of the Clerk of the Miller went to Falling Spring himself, and he is a fee to free sil- is the Greatest Sunday Newspathe death of the late O. S. Long. ing anything of his horse he cross. The office pays from \$2000 to \$3000 ed over into the Anthony's Creek law in Charleston, and is a per year, and addition the clerk has the privilege of printing rec-ords which are not otherwise ord-lives there, and Miller applied to tive work. He owns a blood hound emitted by the attorney him for help. Dawson agreed to three years old which weighs 163 o to appeal at. Hon John W. follow for his expenses, and got a pounds. Dawson is a crack shot. A day kto of Lewisburg, has been Beard along to assist. They start himself. in at an ed for the place, and of all ton with the place we know of could not keep up. The two men norse who won I be more suitable. The selection is unde January 11 the first business of the session.

THE courtesy of the Democratic track. They reached a point in tache, hair thin on top of head; Editors of the 8th Senatorial Dis- Alleghany county where the road round, good-natured face; complextrict to each other surpasses under- forked in three tracks,—made a ion marred by smallpox; talks flustanding. We have been urging There they laid by till morning. likethis: one another to become the next When daylight came they struck State Senator. To complete the the trail by knowing the stolen list the Independent-Herald names mare's track, as she was decidedly Virginia Regiment. Enlisted from the Editor of the Pocahontas pigeon - toed. Very shortly they reached the house of Widow Bow-Times. It is vexations that the only editor who does not seem to ed the night. He had held family be afflicted with a superabundant prayer night and morning, and had stock of modesty is prevented by greatly cheered the family by the law from standing. We have a devotions. They could hardly be-Senator from this county and as lieve that he was a horse-thief.

The road branched here, one track long as he remains in office no oth- going to Clifton Forge and the er citizen of this county is elligle. other to Craig county. Ratliff had Sawyers, who is a lawyer and regu- told the Bowers that he was on his larly raises the point of the consti- way to see his sick child at Clifton larly raises the point of the consti-tutionality of all the laws in the magistrate courts of Summers way to see his sick country for an experienced man like Dawson, and without a moment's hesitation he without a moment's hesitation he county, evidently knew this and took the Craig county road. The 10; at Tug River, 13.

wished to tantatize us by giving us pursuit made no stop for 9 hours "I had contracted a debt at

ious attention of the civilized world is fixed upon the rapid and bewildering events transpiring in the far east, prognostic of very start. Beard held the horses and Dawling results in the destiny of the Chinese empire and Korea. The Chinese, however, seem to be as of what bait Samson used to catch horse much disturbed at the prospect of the three hundred foxes whose the coming eclipse of the sun, Jan- tails he tarred and burned up the if she should hear of this it would the coming eclipse of the sun, January 22, as the Ninevites were by the appearance of Jonal. It is believed, however, that the presence of the Germans is the real lift and soft: You are my prison-the goods or chattels taken are reason for the heart rending grief . !" L. A whe et once Hav- worth more than twenty dollars, and humiliation now afflicting that street her than the part of for not less than two nor more strange people. Thus their super-special is a strange people. war-fpirit. At a recent in tin 1 f d soci i a the Washington Cabinet i was respectively to refract from being a parallel to the pend not trouble, but see that American interests are respectively and the pend not trouble, but see that American interests are respectively. spected at all hazards.

THE BOGUS PREACHER.

Sermon Will Be Delivered Be- altogether. fore a Congregation of Twelve, from the Text: "A Horse is a

rived here New Year's day with the sham evangelist and placed him in jail on the charge of stealing J. W Miller's horse, at Acade-ing J. W mil

and has been conducting a series was committed to jail to await the But what some heart is gladdened.

No star ever rose borhood of Sue. All who have April. powers above the average, and one as able a man in prayer as he bad

I think that we will say God knew the best."

to a reville and made an appointment to preach on Brown's Creek at an early date. This appointment the evangelist will be pointment the evangelist will be revented by the same of the same unable to keep, as he will be congelist of the M. E. Church, South, and says that he has baptized 625

possum and sweet potatoes. It was parted for the Levels. The merchant concluded he had been a
little hasty in trusting the man,
January 16. He gave his name as and he procured a warrant for his arrest. He was followed to the the name Ratliff. On his way back Editor." We take this opportuni- stopped in the neighborhood of ty of telling him that our highest Mill Point and had been tracked in the snow to J. W. Miller's stable, on Isaac McNeel's place, and posse which captured Ratliff, is stolen a brown mare, aged five such a striking and well-known years, and valued at \$100. He character that this sketch would could hardly have chosen a more be incomplete without a few words

The law of the redemption of ten o'clock Sunday night. He who had sworn he would never be These young men were on horse- who impresses the observer as beback and riding briskly, made him ing both fearless and over-powerrun away from them at top speed. ing. He was born in Kanawha er it has been sold; for a year he l'he boys noticed his strange be- County, and tho he looks not over Driscol that night and turned down Averill's corps. towards the Anthony's Creek sec- He is a politician of no mean DAILY, by mail, - - \$6 a year

ny county, Virginia. section, and at Alvon he heard of fourth cousin of Hon William O the preacher and the horse. Hen- M. Dawson, Secretary of State. ed about 12 o'clock Tuesday night. who have been named in connec- Miller's horse was tired, and he knew the country well and they feet and shook hands with his vishalloed at every house on the road. At every point they heard of him, terfield. He was poorly dressed. certainty that they were on the shouldered; blue eyes; sandy mus-"turkey track," as Dawson said, ently. His talk was something ers where Brother Ratliff had pass.

after this and rode 53 miles, the Boggs' store and was afraid of chase leading towards Mercer countrouble—started to leave the countrouble the leave the lea As THE year opens up the anx-Pott's Creek, at the home of Rev

> box in front of the parsonage. Beard held the horses and Daw-son went to the house. Preacher for me. I took the horse to get Davis and his guest, so says Dawson, were discussing the question

stitions may be used to awake a had no more that a r neme at

hinty eight cal bre revolver!" ex ed a horse and rode it away. He

Rev John A. Ratliff in Jail for Stealing a Horse.

Rev John A. Ratliff will be Prevented by Force of Circumstances from Filling Any Appointments Made by Him.—His next Sermon Will Re Delivered Revented in the penting and said it would do. Preacher to three years in the penitentiary. At the same time another horse thief was sentenced to two years. The judge remarked that as a preacher ought to set a better example than a layman he would give him one year longer. nd said it would do. Prese

At Arthur's the officers were tir-

my. The circumstances connect- taken the horse. He was brought ed with the arrest are interesting.

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The Prisoner.

Ratliff gives his age as 38. He has an evil face. He says that he d." Last week he came lost his hand in a cotton-gin, in

Henry Dawson, Henry Dawson, the head of the valuable horse had be daylight to devoted to him especially. He is have picked it out. the man who captured Kenos

He left Alvon about noon and rode ed from a strongly Democratic disthirty-five miles and stopped over trict to a Republican district last night at Stock Mines, in Allegha-fall, is his bailiwick, He ascribes the cause to Dan O'Connell and

He has a brother who practices

horse from E. F. Beard, and took He says he is too slim to be hit

An Interview.

The erring divine rose to hi

"I am an old Confederate soldier and bore the colors of the 64th Lee County; I was raised in Lee County, Virginia, and went to Kentucky after the war. I had the advantage of an early religious training, but was not converted until about eight years ago; was ordained five years ago by the Hol-stein Conference, Virginia. Was assigned a circuit for one year in Scott and Lee counties; after that I was sent on evangelical work. I held a meeting on Beaver Creek last week, but had no conversions.

went to Miller's to stay all night; John Davis, they saw the Brown passed by the stable and saw a mare taking a feed of grain from a mare with saddle and bridle hanging behind her. It looked like the out of the country on; you know vourself that there is no money in

"My mother is still living, and

taken and brought back to He was tried and sentence

In the home of a friend quite refrom the Text: "A Horse is a ed and no one felt like sitting up cently something was said about vain Thing for Safety."—Ps. 32 to watch the prisoner. We have how Moses prayed "So teach us to Henry Dawson and E. F. Beard, off at the wrist, and could not be hand-cuffed. Dawsow asked for a ply our hearts unto wisdom." Now needle and thread and sewed his one of the sources of practical wis-

"No stream from it's source Flows seaward, how lonely soever it's source.

And set without influence some where. Who knows What earth needs from earth's low

est creature? No life be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife, all life not be purer and stronger thereby."

Seneca makes this contribution to the wisdom to which it would be well to apply our mind:

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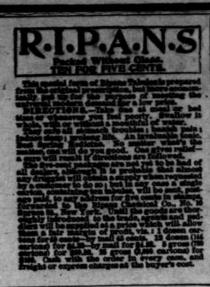
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